

Feb. 8th 1941
55 Somerset St.
Newark N.J.

Mr. E.B.Eynon
Griffith Stadium
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have just returned to Newark from the trip I made south, when I was fortunate to see you at the ball park in Washington. You will recall you told me to write to you, and tell you just what had happened to cause me to feel it was necessary to make the trip to try and be reinstated in the good graces of Mr Griffith and the stadium. I assure you I have been very keenly disturbed ever since the incident took place. I am sure if Mr. Griffith had a clear picture of what was happening he would have approved my action.

The Eagles were scheduled to play at Griffith Stadium Sunday August 18th. I showed you a copy of a letter I received the day before, Saturday the 17th, from Mr. C. Posey with the following statements. Quote "I am calling your attention to the fact that we are going to use Josh Gibson in all our remaining games.-- I am letting you know in time so there wont be any controversy at the games". Now Josh Gibson was an ineligible player, as he had gone to another country to play ball, and both leagues had voted unanimously to bar all these men for three years. Receiving this letter the day before the ball game did not allow any time to see Mr. Posey so I had no choice in the matter except to send the club to Washington with orders not to play if Gibson played. The driver of the bus was instructed to go to the office as soon as he arrived so the park would have time to hear the story.

In the meantime, due to the fact all the team owners were in Chicago to see the East West game being

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played that day, I took ~~Supane~~ and flew to Chicago , in order to take the matter up with the entire group. They voted unanimously to forbid The Grays to use Gibson and ordered the proper authority to so notify them. Gibson was not used any more last season. It is unfortunate for me that my team had to be the one scheduled to play The Grays at the time they decided to use Gibson. However it may be it was better for the organization, as I doubt that any of the other teams would have taken the stand we did. The most unfortunate part of the whole affair, was putting The Eagles and their management in a bad light with you people and the fans.

Our organization is very carelessly run, and in many cases rules and regulations are not observed. It is very unfortunate, but I do feel a little progress is being made and maybe in the near future, it will be impossible for something like this to happen.

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you, so that I can know you do not feel I am guilty of this offence I have been charged with. I will be glad to come see you or Mr. Griffith, or meet with The Grays management if that is necessary to clear the matter up. We are starting a new season, and I would like to know that our reputation for honesty and integrity continues.

Allow me to wish you success for the coming season for The Senators. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours

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